



October 2019 Newsletter



2019

Nominations were held at the last meeting. The following members were nominated for the 2020 executive board:

President: Danny Martin

Vice President: Kevin Hargett

Treasurer: Claire Petrie

Secretary: Aaron Bissell

Race Director: Mike Worrall

Co Race Director: Matt Wilkins

Blair Richardson

Statistician: Shonda Rivera

Web Master: Blair Richardson

Be sure to attend the November meeting to cast your vote.

Our OTHG monthly meeting are held on the first Tuesday of every month at Pizza Plus located at Prater and McCarren. Pizza is served at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7:00pm. See you then.

2019 BMX Series-Part 2

RD. 7 WMX @ Winnemucca
Sept. 14th & 15th

RD. 8 GRMX @ Carlin
Sept. 18th & 29th

RD. 9 OTHG @ Fernley
October 12th & 13th

RD. 10 OTMX @ Fernley
October 19th & 20th

RD. 11 WMX @ Winnemucca
November 2nd & 3rd

RD. 12 OTHG @ Fernley
November 9th & 10th

2019 Board

President: Sedanna Losey

V.P.: Kevin Hargett

Treasurer: Claire Petrie

Secretary: Aaron Bissell

Race Dir.: Danny Martin

Co Race Dir.: Matt Wilkins

Tate Morehead

Statistician: Shonda Rivera

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2019 National Schedule

RD. 1-South National
March 29-31, 2019
Milestone MX Park

RD. 2-Sierra National
April 26-28, 2019
Oatfield MX Park

RD. 3-Reno National
May 24-26, 2019
Fernley MX

RD. 4-Bay National
August 30-Sept. 1, 2019
Argyll MX

RD. 5-Valley National
October 25-27, 2019
DT1 MX Park



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Reno OTHG Ride Day @ E-Street



On Sunday October 6, 2019, the Reno Chapter had a club ride day at E-Street for its members and their families. The track was groomed to perfection and the weather could not be beaten. The turn out was on the low side as it was just over a 2-hour drive to the Marysville track. Those who did make the where treated to an epic day of riding. It was a hard day to beat. Even at lunch time, sandwiches were delivered to the track by Jimmy Johns.



More 2019 Updates:

The 2019 Reno OTHG Banquet has a date. January 25th, 2020 at Pinocchio's. If you have never been, it is highly suggested you attend. There will be cool prizes that will be handed out, great food, and will have Glendale Supercross on the TV. There will be enough prizes to all OTHG members who show up. More details to follow.



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Rd 9 BBMx Series-OTHG

Round 9 of the BBMx 2019 series is in the books. It was a beautiful weekend to play in the Sandbox. The unofficial numbers for the weekend are: 250 riders on Saturday for practice and 340 entries on Sunday. The shorter track was run to ensure that no one got their moto's cut. The last moto was complete with day light to spare for the clean up efforts. Here are some of the action shots from OTHG members in Moto 7:



*Be sure to be at our next race on Nov. 10th and bring your best. I will forgo racing so I can take pictures of everyone.



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The SANDBOX

From the Editor,

Like any sport, Motocross boasts its share of superstitions and rituals. From the arcane to the absurd, most riders have them and swear they work. Rituals might begin days before or not until the 30 second card. A rider without any rituals, someone who just goes out and rides? That's still a ritual. Think nothing of it and throttle out. Overthinking a race can be detrimental for some, under thinking and forgetting to put the right boot on first is a guaranteed DNF.

Take James Stewart for example. He once said he always puts his right knee brace on before his left and buckles his left boot before the right boot. When Ricky Carmichael raced, he got superstitious occasionally. At one time he only wore orange gear but said you make your own luck and riders shouldn't be superstitious. Davi Millsaps would take off the gear and put on new gear if he crashed. He'd wear the gear he crashed in a week later after washing it. Words are problematic too. Words you don't want to hear and at times will cringe when people tell you "Never Say Never," "One more time," "Don't do this" and "Don't get hurt."

Here are a few superstitions and rituals that I have heard and seen at the Motocross track. Do you see yourself in some of these?

- 1. Put gear on in the exact same order every time**-Boots, knee brace, helmet, goggles...or was it helmet, boots, knee brace then goggles. Don't forget, the checkered flag depends on it.
- 2. Put left/right gear on first**-This superstition is pretty easy to spot in the pits but you have to watch for it. The right or left side always gets the next piece of gear first. I am guilty of this one. Left first.
- 3. Prayer**-A common ritual and probably done by the faithful and non-faithful alike.
- 4. Only get on bike from one side**-However you mount up, be it from the right or left, (does from the back work?) it must be done that way Every. Single. Time. Although getting on from the throttle side feels awkward.
- 5. Eat something**-Do you always eat the same food for more energy the night before for race day. I know I am not a fan of eating the day of the race as I got sick prior to the second moto and traced it down to something I ate after the first moto.
- 6. Check gas/petcock**-It probably happened before. Never again. Gates drops, the throttles pinned, your adrenaline is pumping but wait, you're slowing down as the bike bogs to a halt. You sit there confused and realize in all your pre-race haste - probably all those rituals - you forgot to check and see if the petcock was on (this one probably not so much for the fuel injected bike but I know I check mine). Others peter out after the first lap. Oops, you ran out of gas. Topping off repeatedly is one ritual that's hard to break.
- 7. Drop brand new helmet on the ground**-Whether you throw it (albeit a bit gently) or knock it on the ground the thought behind this superstition is the first time your helmet crashes or hits the dirt - your head is not in it. (Guilty)
- 8. Music**-You once cranked Metallica before a race and finally stepped on the podium. The next race your kid begged you to listen to Justin Bieber and you crashed and broke an arm. Metallica rules for a reason.
- 9. Pack your own gate**-Sky divers pack their own parachutes and you pack your own gate. No worrying about asking if your mechanic, friend or family member made sure they did this or that. It's your gate and you own it.
- 10 Wear blown out gloves**-There's nothing like a pair of comfortable old slippers to wear around the house. In the same way, riders tend to prefer a set of really worn, old gloves. For me personally, I prefer a fresh set. I want them tight. The other glove one that I have is if a glove/goggle combination resulted in a good moto/win. I will wear the same set up for the second moto.

This is just a few as many other rituals and superstitions surely exist. Some riders swear by them, others recognize their folly but under no circumstances would they consider otherwise. The planets aligned that race day when you finally stepped on the podium and you'll do whatever it takes to get them aligned again. What are your rituals and superstitions? Even better, what are their origins?

"In Dirt We Trust"
Aaron Bissell 124R